

Replace the paragraph beginning at page 52, line 18, with the following rewritten paragraph:

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--FIG. 22 schematically shows a degree of homology between an amino acid sequence of mouse AID protein (SEQ ID NO:2) and that of human AID protein (SEQ ID NO:8). The parts with a closed box are cytidine and deoxycytidylate deaminase zinc-binding region which is an AID protein active region.--

Replace the paragraph beginning at page 68, line 26, with the following rewritten paragraph:

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--PCR was conducted using an expression vector prepared by inserting cDNA coding a full length mouse AID protein, prepared in Example 5 into a plasmid vector pGEX4T1, as a template with a pair of primers (Primer 170: SEQ ID NO:16 and primer 181: SEQ ID NO:17, according to the standard method described in the above.--

Replace the paragraph beginning at page 70, line 16, with the following rewritten paragraph:

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--As a result, human AID protein (SEQ ID NO:8) has extremely high homology in amino acid sequences with a mouse AID protein (SEQ ID NO:2) (FIG. 22). Amino acid sequences in Cytidine and deoxycytidylate deaminase zinc-binding region which is an active region in AID protein (both mouse AID and human AID amino acid residues 56 to 94 of SEQ ID NOs:2 and 8, respectively) were completely consistent (conserved) between mouse and human.--